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INTEGRAL DISTAL LIGHT DIFFUSERS  
ESPECIALLY USEFUL FOR OPHTHALMIC  
SURGICAL PROCEDURES, AND METHOD OF  
MAKING THE SAME

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.36, 3.71 AND 3.73**

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WHEREAS, **Richard B. NAPPI, Ronald F. OVERAKER, Cynthia A. TOTH, Brian C. DODGE, Hoang NGYUEN and Katrina P. WINTER**, (hereinafter ASSIGNORS) of 103 Wadsworth Building, Erwin Road, P.O. Box 3802, Durham, North Carolina 27710-3802; 2618 Pleasant Green Road, Durham, North Carolina 27705; 928 Pinehurst Drive, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514-3432; c/o P.O. Box 3802, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina 27708; 107 Forrest Oaks Drive, Durham, North Carolina 27705 and 6472 Applewhite Road, Wendell, North Carolina 27591, respectively, have invented a certain improvement in

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